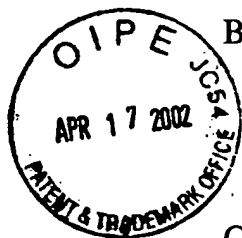


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Applicant: Andrew H. Cragg : Box Missing Parts
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SUBSTITUTE PREIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please disregard the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 1, 2002 and substitute this Preliminary Amendment, the page and line numbers of which correspond to those of the Substitute Specification filed herewith. More specifically, please amend the Substitute Specification in the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on Page 1, following the title, by deleting the first full paragraph and replacing it with the paragraph as follows:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/687,247, filed October 13, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/251,964, filed February 16, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/005,654, filed January 12, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/478,181, filed June 7, 1995, which is a division of U.S. Application No. 08/344,524, filed November 23, 1994, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Application No.

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